

Item I--Implementation of Wage Determinations OnLine (WDOL) (FAR Case 2005-033)

This final rule implements the Department of Labor (DOL) Wage Determinations OnLine (WDOL) Internet website as the source for Federal contracting agencies to obtain wage determinations issued by the DOL for service contracts subject to the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act (SCA) and for construction contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (DBA). The rule amends the FAR to direct Federal contracting agencies to obtain DBA and SCA wage determinations from the WDOL website. The WDOL and e98 processes replace the paper Standard Forms 98 and 98a. In addition, Standard Forms 98, 98a, and 99 are deleted from FAR Part 53. This final rule also incorporates new geographical jurisdictions for DOL's Wage and Hour Regional Offices and eliminates FAR references to the Government Printing Office publication of general wage determinations.

Item II--Termination or Cancellation of Purchase Orders (FAR Case 2005-029)

This final rule revises the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to correct the inadvertent omission of an appropriate reference in FAR Part 13.302-4(a) for termination for cause of those purchase orders that have been accepted in writing. This FAR revision is a correction to a reference and not a change to the contract termination options available in 52.212-4(l) or (m). If a purchase order that has been accepted in writing by the contractor is to be terminated, contracting officers have the option to terminate for cause as well as terminate for convenience.

Item III--Contracts with Religious Entities (FAR Case 2006-019) (Interim)

This interim rule amends FAR Subpart 22.8, Equal Employment Opportunity, and the associated clause at 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity, to add an exemption for religious entities to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of religion. Executive Order (E.O.) 13279 amended Section 204 of E.O. 11246 to permit religious entities to consider employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with carrying on the entity's activities. Religious entities remain subject to other Equal Employment Opportunity requirements. When awarding a contract to a religious entity that contains the clause at FAR 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity, the requirements of the clause with respect to employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with the carrying on of the contractor's activities do not apply to a contractor that is a religious corporation, association, educational institution, or society.

Item IV--Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statute or Executive Orders--Commercial Items (FAR Case 2006-012)

This final rule revises the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to update the required contract clauses that implement provisions of law or executive orders for acquisitions of commercial items.